## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

MICROMETL CORP.,

Plaintiff,

VS.

No.: 08-CV-3257

The Honorable Judge Ruben Castillo

TRANZACT TECHNOLOGIES, INC,

Defendant.

#### ANSWER & AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

NOW COMES the Defendant, TRANZACT TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (hereinafter "Tranzact"), by and through its attorneys, SULLIVAN HINCKS & CONWAY, and for its Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint in the above-captioned matter, states as follows:

1. In 2003, Micrometl and Tranzact entered into a written shipper services agreement ("contract"). A true and accurate copy of the contract is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit A.

ANSWER: Defendant admits only that it entered into a contractual relationship with Plaintiff in 2003 governed by the "Freedom Logistics Network 21<sup>st</sup> Century Shipper Global Transportation Service Agreement" and its incorporated provisions (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Agreement). Defendant denies that Plaintiff has attached a "true and accurate copy" of said Agreement as Exhibit A to Plaintiff's Complaint, and submits that Exhibit A only contains a portion of the Agreement.

2. Pursuant to the contract, Tranzact agreed to manage freight shipping for Micrometl and to audit Micrometl's shipping expenses.

Defendant submits that the Agreement speaks for itself with regard to **ANSWER:** the responsibilities of each party to the Agreement, and further denies that Plaintiff has properly stated such responsibilities in Paragraph 2 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

3. Pursuant to Micrometl's agreement with one of its customers, Carrier Corporation ("Carrier"), all shipping expenses associated with products sold by Mircrometl to Carrier were billed to and paid by Carrier.

**ANSWER:** Defendant has insufficient knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 3 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and therefore demands strict proof thereof.

4. Shipping expenses associated with Micrometl's sales to other customers were billed to and paid by Micrometl.

Defendant has insufficient knowledge to either admit or deny the **ANSWER:** allegations contained in Paragraph 4 of Plaintiff's Complaint, and therefore demands strict proof thereof.

5. Tranzact had actual or constructive knowledge of these practices.

**ANSWER:** Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 5 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

6. In November 2005, Tranzact unilaterally and without prior notice began billing Micrometl for shipping expenses associated with products sold by Micrometl to Carrier.

**ANSWER:** Defendant admits that it began billing Plaintiff for shipping expenses associated with products sold by Micrometl to Carrier in or about November 2005, but denies that said billing was done "unilaterally and without prior notice." Affirmatively, Defendant submits that said billing was done pursuant to Plaintiff's explicit instructions and therefore denies the remaining allegations of Paragraph 7 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

7. Tranzact has also overbilled Micrometl for Yellow Freight charges in an undetermined amount.

Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 7 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

8. Tranzact has overbilled Micrometl in excess of \$100,000.

Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 8 of **ANSWER:** Plaintiff's Complaint.

9. Said overbillings are inconsistent with the parties' prior course of dealing.

ANSWER: Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 9 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

10 Tranzact breached the contract without excuse or justification and Mircrometl has sustained damages as a proximate result of said breach.

**ANSWER:** Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 10 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

11. In December 2006, Micrometl notified Tranzact, in writing, of the overbillings and requested that they be corrected. However, Tranzact has failed and refused to correct the overbillings.

ANSWER: Defendant admits that Micrometl contacted Tranzact, in writing, in or about December 2006 regarding a perceived billing discrepancy. Defendant denies the remaining allegations of Paragraph 11 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

12. Micrometl has made written demand upon Tranzact for payment, but Tranzact refuses to pay.

ANSWER: Defendant admits that Micrometl has contacted Tranzact, in writing, regarding a perceived billing discrepancy. Defendant denies the remaining allegations of Paragraph 12 of Plaintiff's Complaint.

WHEREFORE, Defendant, TRANZACT TECHNOLOGIES, INC., respectfully asks this Court to enter judgment in its favor and against Plaintiff, MICROMETL CORP., and for such other relief as this Court deems appropriate.

# FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (MICROMETL'S DUTY TO INDEMNIFY & HOLD HARMLESS)

- 1. The relationship between Plaintiff and Defendant was governed by the Freedom Logistics Network 21<sup>st</sup> Century Shipper Global Transportation Agreement (hereinafter, "the Agreement"). A true and correct copy of the Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
- 2. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, one of Defendant's duties under the Agreement was to serve as a freight payment agent for Plaintiff.
- 3. In doing so, Defendant was required to direct the freight bills it received for movement of Plaintiff's freight pursuant to the express terms contained on the bills themselves.
- 4. For the vast majority of Plaintiff's customers, freight bills relating to the movement of Plaintiff's freight were designated "freight prepaid," meaning that Plaintiff was responsible for paying the freight charges associated with moving the freight from funds provided to Defendant by Plaintiff for such payments.
- 5. Plaintiff's customer, Carrier of Mexico, represented an exception to the vast majority of Plaintiff's customers in that any freight moved for Plaintiff to Carrier was supposed

to be designated "freight collect" by Plaintiff, meaning that Carrier of Mexico would pay the freight charges.

- 6. Nonetheless, throughout the course of its relationship with Defendant, Plaintiff repeatedly marked its freight bills-of-lading to its customer, Carrier, as "freight prepaid," indicating that Plaintiff would assume the charges associated with moving the freight and that Defendant was to pay such bills on behalf of Plaintiff.
- 7. Plaintiff later admitted that such freight charges were supposed to be charged to Carrier of Mexico, not Plaintiff.
- 8. In order to direct such freight charges to Carrier of Mexico, Plaintiff was obligated to mark each bill-of-lading as "freight collect," instead of "freight prepaid."
- 9. Nonetheless, Plaintiff received the freight bills erroneously marked "freight prepaid," and forwarded said bills to Defendant. In addition, Plaintiff stamped said bills, indicating to Defendant that the bills should be paid from Plaintiff's funds in accordance with Plaintiff's standing instructions to pay all stamped freight bills.
- 10. Accordingly, with regard to the bills complained-of in Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendant simply followed Plaintiff's instructions that the freight charges were "freight prepaid" and were stamped by Plaintiff for payment. In accordance with Plaintiff's instructions, Defendant thus paid the bills and billed Plaintiff for said charges.
- Defendant was therefore justified in securing funds from Plaintiff to pay said bills by Plaintiff's own instructions to do so.
- 12. Under the Agreement, Plaintiff expressly agreed to "indemnify and save [Tranzact] harmless from and against all losses, claims or damages, penalties, costs and expenses caused by fault or negligence of [Micrometl]." (Ex. A, Art. XVII).

- Specifically, with regard to freight payment services, Plaintiff expressly agreed to 13. "indemnify and save Tranzact harmless from and against all losses, claims, damages, penalties, costs and expenses caused by fault or negligence of [Micrometl], and from any and all claims of whatever nature by whomever made against Tranzact arising out of Tranzact's action based or in reliance upon [Micrometl] information or instructions." (Ex. A, "Freight Payment Terms and Conditions," ¶ 11).
- 14. By the very terms of the Agreement, Plaintiff cannot now seek compensation from Defendant for Plaintiff's own mistakes in providing faulty information to Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Defendant, TRANZACT TECHNOLOGIES, INC., respectfully asks this Court to enter judgment in its favor and against Plaintiff, MICROMETL CORP., and for such other relief as this Court deems appropriate.

## SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (ACCORD AND SATISFACTION – CARRIER BILLS)

- 1-11. As Paragraphs 1-11 of its Second Affirmative Defense, Defendant hereby adopts Paragraphs 1-11 of its First Affirmative Defense as though stated fully herein.
- 12. Upon discovery of its mistake, upon information and belief, Plaintiff sought reimbursement for the complained-of freight charges directly from Carrier of Mexico, pursuant to the agreement Plaintiff had with Carrier of Mexico.
- 13. Plaintiff and Carrier of Mexico ultimately agreed to a full and final compromise and settlement of the claims associated with said freight charges.
- 14. Plaintiff's claims for the freight charges associated with the complained-of bills have therefore been satisfied, and Plaintiff is estopped from seeking additional compensation for said claims.

WHEREFORE, Defendant, TRANZACT TECHNOLOGIES, INC., respectfully asks this Court to enter judgment in its favor and against Plaintiff, MICROMETL CORP., and for such other relief as this Court deems appropriate.

## THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (SETOFF – CARRIER BILLS)

- 1-13. As Paragraphs 1-13 of its Third Affirmative Defense, Defendant hereby adopts Paragraphs 1-13 of its Second Affirmative Defense as though stated fully herein.
- 14. In the event that Defendant is found liable to Plaintiff in any amount with regard to the bills containing freight charges associated with Carrier of Mexico (liability that Defendant strictly denies), such amount should be set-off in an amount equal to the amount received by Plaintiff from Carrier of Mexico as compensation for said freight charges pursuant to the compromise and settlement entered into by Plaintiff and Carrier of Mexico.

WHEREFORE, Defendant, TRANZACT TECHNOLOGIES, INC., alternatively asks this Court to set off any judgment in Plaintiff's favor an amount equal to the amount received by Plaintiff from Carrier of Mexico as compensation for said freight charges pursuant to the compromise and settlement entered into by Plaintiff and Carrier of Mexico, and for such other relief as this Court deems appropriate.

# FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (ACCORD AND SATISFACTION – YELLOW FREIGHT BILLS)

- 1. Defendant never overbilled Plaintiff for freight charges associated with Yellow Freight ("Yellow").
- 2. Instead, Defendant negotiated certain discounted freight rates from Yellow on behalf of and for the benefit of Plaintiff through Defendant's "Freedom Logistics Network" (hereinafter "FLN").

- 3. However, Plaintiff did not use Yellow enough, and Yellow cancelled the FLN rates due to a lack of traffic being tendered by Plaintiff.
- 4. After Yellow had cancelled said rates, Defendant notified Plaintiff of the cancellation of the discounted freight rates that Defendant had negotiated for Plaintiff's benefit.
- 5. Plaintiff then began using Yellow to ship its freight despite being previously notified of the cancelled rates that Defendant had negotiated for Plaintiff's benefit.
- 6. Having already cancelled the rates negotiated by Defendant, Yellow unilaterally charged Plaintiff under its standard "courtesy discount" rates -- rates that were much higher than the cancelled rates that had been previously offered through the FLN.
- 7. After Yellow performed the services contracted by Plaintiff, Yellow sent freight bills to FLN following the contracted procedures for a freight bill payment by FLN; and, subsequently, Plaintiff complained the rates were higher than previously.
- 8. Nonetheless, although not contractually required to do so, Defendant negotiated with Yellow and was thereafter able to restore the previously-cancelled FLN rates retroactively and secure an accommodation payment to Plaintiff in the amount of \$91,000.00, representing the difference between the "courtesy discount" rates and the FLN rates.
- 9. Plaintiff's claim for "overbilling" is undermined by the fact that any perceived "overbilling' with regard to Yellow Freight charges has been satisfied by the accommodation payment negotiated by Defendant and tendered to Plaintiff as a refund.
- 10. Accordingly, due to Defendant's intervention, Plaintiff was never actually damaged by its own mistake in using Yellow after Yellow had cancelled the FLN rates, and therefore cannot recover any damages due to perceived "overbilling."

WHEREFORE, Defendant, TRANZACT TECHNOLOGIES, INC., respectfully asks this Court to enter judgment in its favor and against Plaintiff, MICROMETL CORP., and for such other relief as this Court deems appropriate.

# FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS)

- 1. Pursuant to the express terms of the parties' Agreement, any and all disputes regarding overcharges on any billing for transportation services were required to be submitted by Plaintiff to Defendant within one hundred (100) days from the original payment of the transportation charges. (Ex. A, Art. II,  $\P E(i)$ ).
- 2. To the extent that any of the unidentified "overbillings" alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint were not disputed by Plaintiff to Defendant within 100 days of the original payment of the associated freight charges, said "overbillings" are barred by the statute of limitations mutually agreed-upon by the parties.

WHEREFORE, Defendant, TRANZACT TECHNOLOGIES, INC., respectfully asks this Court to enter judgment in its favor and against Plaintiff, MICROMETL CORP., with regard to any and all alleged "overbillings" that were not disputed by Plaintiff within 100 days of the original payment of the associated freight charges, and for such other relief as this Court deems appropriate.

# SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (LIMITATION OF LIABILITY)

1. Pursuant to the express terms of the parties' Agreement, Defendant's liability is limited only to actual money damages equal to "the compensation received by [Defendant] for services for the three-month period prior to the date on which the act giving rise to the liability is discovered. (Ex. A, Art. VIII, ¶¶ A-E).

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2. Under the Agreement, the said "compensation" shall be equal to "the difference

between the amount paid to [Defendant] by [Micrometl] and the amount paid by [Defendant] to

the Member Carriers for the transportation of [Micrometl's] shipments." (Ex. A. Art. VIII, ¶ E).

3. By its own contention, Plaintiff discovered the alleged billing discrepancy

detailed in its Complaint no later than December 2006.

4. Accordingly, by the express terms of the parties' Agreement, Defendant's liability

in this matter, if any, must be limited to the difference between the amount paid to Defendant by

Plaintiff and the amount paid by Defendant to Plaintiff's freight carriers, with respect to this

particular account, for the months of October through December of 2006.

WHEREFORE, Defendant, TRANZACT TECHNOLOGIES, INC., alternatively asks

this Court to limit any judgment in this matter against Defendant to the amount of Defendant's

"compensation," as that term is defined in the Agreeement between the parties, for the three-

month period encompassing October through December of 2006, and for such other relief as this

Court deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

TRANZACT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008, a copy of the foregoing was filed electronically. The following parties may access this filing through the Court's ECF system:

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# FREEDOM LOGISTICS NETWORK 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY SHIPPER GLOBAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT

The Freedom Logistics Network (FLN) is a unique service division of Tranzact Technologies, Inc. FLN has developed beneficial solutions and supporting technologies for you as a user of transportation/logistic services. We have contracted transportation/logistic services for you based upon a volume of shipments provided by other shippers that is standardized through our FREEDOM 2020 © and 2021 © Rate System.

The principles for the FLN that are a part of our service offerings are contained in their entirety in our FREEDOM LOGISTICS NETWORK 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, which can be found at a secure link on our web site which we will provide to you before you partner with us. These written principles are what govern both our commitments and we want them readily available at all times so you can access them for your understanding and use.

In addition to providing you with pricing contained within and discounted off of the FREEDOM 2020 © and 2021 © for use in selecting transportation/logistic services which are available in the FLN under our contracts, Tranzact will facilitate your logistics processes with transportation payment, audit services and management reports. These services are subject to standard principles that are on the secure link on our web site. These rules govern both of our commitments that arise from our signatures implementing your membership in the Freedom Logistics Network.

We have made a sizable investment in the system, which we license for your use. This is important to us because the value of the FLN is the integrity of the system. Please note in the rules that you cannot sell or license our system in any way, including brokering transportation through our system, or using our system, particularly FREEDOM 2020 © and 2021 © or discounts, after you terminate your membership in the FLN.

We will implement your membership in the FLN immediately after receiving your endorsement. As shown in the principles, this commitment will be for a five- (5) year period and will automatically renew for additional two- (2) year periods unless you notify us at least sixty- (60) days prior to expiration of any period.

All contact information, passwords and other information will be given to you as the person authorized by your company to sign this membership commitment (unless you designate another individual).

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MEMBER SHIPPER:

MICROMETL

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**EXHIBIT A** 





# **SCHEDULE I**

# SOFTWARE, RATES, CHARGES, PAYMENT OPTIONS

- 1. FREEDOM 2020© and FREEDOM 2021© rates applicable to you as a Member Shipper can be found on the FLN Internet Website and are available to you effective as of the start date indicated on this contract. The rates are a part of this Agreement. As Member Carriers are added or deleted from the network, you will be notified by the FLN Logistics Group, and the FLN Internet Website will be updated accordingly. The applicable rates will be those that appear on the most current version of the FLN Internet Website.
  - 2. FLN invoices will be paid by Tranzact Technologies, Inc. All Shipments moving via the FLN will be invoiced on a weekly basis. All invoices to be paid by Tranzact should be forwarded to:

TRANZACT TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 360 W. Butterfield Road, Suite 400 Elmhürst, IL 60126

- 3. FLN Services FLN will provide the following services as a part of your FLN membership:
- a. Audits for overcharges and duplicate payments will be included in the payments for all designated shipments transported by a Member Carrier or non-member carrier.
- b. FLN will supply the following Monthly Management Reports:
  - 1. Carrier Summary Corporate
  - 2. Carrier Summary By Division
  - 3. Lane Summary
- c. Invoices from Parcel carriers will be paid at the manifest level only
- d. StarRate (Software) web site for rating of Freedom shipments
- e. StarLite Reporting System (Software) License for Member Shipper use on-site: Prices quoted upon request
- f. StarRate Software Integration with Internal Systems (Software) License for Member Shipper use in house: Prices quoted upon request
- g. Inbound Management Reporting System Software: Prices quoted upon request
- h. On-Site Logistics Support: Prices quoted upon request
- i. Flat file of FREEDOM 2020 @ and 2021 @ Less Than Truckload rates prices quoted upon request
- Custom Software design prices quoted upon request
- 4. Tranzact Technologies will conduct a post audit of freight charges paid to carriers for shipments made up to 120-150 days prior to the effective date of this agreement. The exact time frame for including bills in the post audit depends upon the length of time needed to provide Tranzact the actual freight bills themselves as well as the pertinent rates, discounts and charges used in the post audit itself. In return for conducting the post audit, Tranzact will retain 40% of all monies recovered from overcharges related to the incorrect application of rates, discounts, rules or charges including duplicate billings
- 6. Monthly Investment\*\* ......\$ 1,000

  \*\*The monthly investment for participation in the FLN:

- All Member Shipper charges will be processed by Tranzact Technologies, Inc. weekly. The procedure will be as follows:
- a. Weekly pay periods end on a scheduled day each week.
- b. All Freight invoices will be received on a daily basis.
- c. Freight invoices will be entered into the system within a reasonable period after receipt.
- d. The day prior to receipt of funds due, Member Shipper will be notified via facsimile transmission or email of total dollars due to satisfy payment obligations for that week.
- e. Member Shipper will fund Tranzact Technologies (ACH or wire transfer) for weekly payment obligation no later than 5 p.m. on the next business day. If this payment obligation is not met by the next business day at 5 p.m., Member Shipper will be assessed a \$200 late payment fee to be included in the next week's payment.

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS

Client or Tranzact initiated ACH:

No Charge

All other forms of payment: \$50.00 per month administration fee

# RECEIVING FUNDING INFORMATION

Receive weekly by e-mail: No Charge

Receive weekly by fax: \$25.00 per month administration fee

- f. If Member Shipper chooses not to fund via wire transfer or ACH, Member Shipper must provide Tranzact Technologies with the equivalent of four- (4) weeks' funds based upon an average of the prior 4 weeks experience or, if there is an insufficient period, then based upon an estimate by Tranzact Technologies.
- g. Payment to the Member Carriers will be released to each Member Carrier via check once collected funds are received.
- h. Member Shipper will be billed monthly for membership fees (manual, wire transfer or ACH).

#### Amendments Duc to Volume

If the average number of bills paid per month over a three-month period exceeds 1100, the monthly investment may be adjusted. The adjusted investment will not exceed \$1 per bill.

This Schedule I issued on JUN31, 2003

and becomes effective Avg. 18, 2003

MEMBER SHIPPER:

MICROMETL

An Indiana Corporation

Initials:

NAME: Gerald Holman

TITLE: CFO

FREEDOM LOGISTICS NETWORK TRANZACT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

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Freedom Logistics Network 21st Century Shipper Transportation Agreement

#### Schedule A

Cargo Claims Management and Other Direct Responsibilities Between Member Shipper and Member Carrier

#### Schedule B

Freight Payment Terms and Conditions

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# Freedom Logistics

## **Freedom Logistics Network** 21st Century **Shipper Transportation Agreement** Index

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## FREEDOM LOGISTICS NETWORK 21st CENTURY SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

THESE FREEDOM LOGISTICS NETWORK 21ST CENTURY SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (herein after referred to as the "Agreement") are a part of the Freedom Logistics Network 21st Century Shipper Transportation Services Agreement, by and between Tranzact Technologies, Inc., doing business as the Freedom Logistics Network (hereinafter referred to as "FLN") and the Member Shipper of goods identified with particularity in the signature and authorization section of the Freedom Logistics Network 21st Century Shipper Transportation Services Agreement (hereinafter refer to as "Member Shipper".)

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, FLN has developed FREEDOM 2020© and FREEDOM 2021© as a part of a Logistics Management which Member Shipper is desirous of joining and participating;

WHEREAS, FREEDOM 2020© and FREEDOM 2021© provides a standardized price list for motor carrie transportation capable of being utilized in an electronic format;

WHEREAS, FLN has contracted a pool of motor carriers ("Member Carriers") who have committed to provide a standardized service subject to common rules and regulations pursuant to the provisions of FREEDOM 2020© and FREEDOM 2021©;

WHEREAS, FLN allows Member Shipper a unique ability to access special commodity rates and rare discounts allowing Member Shipper a competitive ability not otherwise available to Member Shipper;

WHEREAS, FLN arranges and coordinates the provision of motor carrier service through FREEDOM 2020© and FREEDOM 2021© payment clearances, claims coordination and other services allowing Member Shipper efficiencies in Member Shipper's utilization of motor carrier transportation.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of mutual promises including the above recitals adopted herein ar other good and adequate consideration, IT IS AGREED:

#### **DEFINITIONS**

"Software" means the Software identified on Schedule I of the Global Transportation Services Agreement and made a part of this Agreement, in object code form, all updates and revisions thereof supplied by Tranzact during the term of this Agreement and all permitted copies of the foregoing, and includes any databases created and maintained by Tranzact in connection with the Software.

#### **ARTICLES**

ARTICLE I. FLN SERVICES. FLN services will be provided on the following terms:

A.---RATES. FLN will bill Member Shipper for services performed by Member Carriers pursuant to rates based on the FREEDOM 2020© and FREEDOM 2021© rate schedules, initially effective and applicable solely for Member Shipper in Schedule II of the Freedom Logistics Network 21st Century Shipper Servi Agreement, as the exclusive rates for such services and no other rate or charge shall be applicable on shipments tendered by Member Shipper through FLN, subject to these conditions:

- (i) Because of the volatility of the transportation market, Member Carriers and Member Carrier's individual discount levels may vary during the term of this Agreement.
- (ii) If a Member Carrier is dropped or removes itself from FLN, FLN rates for that Member Carrier will no longer be available to Member Shipper.
- (iii) The Rates referred to in Schedule I will be provided on electronic format to Member

Shipper.

(iv) Other than the addition or subtraction of Member Carriers, the rates in effect on the initial date of this execution shall be allowed to remain in effect for at least one (1) year from the effective date of this Agreement, providing the presentation of Shipper's freight environment provided during the carrier bid process is an accurate representation of Shipper's current shipping environment. After one year from the initial effective date, other than the addition or subtraction of Member Carriers, the rates in effect shall be allowed to remain in effect for at least 30 days.

B.---RULES. FLN will bill Member Shipper for services performed by Member Carriers pursuant to FREEDOM 2020© and FREEDOM 2021© initially effective and applicable in Schedule I, as their exclusive rule rates and no other rule rate or charge shall be applicable on shipments tendered by Member Shipper through FLN.

C.---FREIGHT CLAIMS. Member Carriers will receive and process all Member Shipper's freight shortage claims, damage claims and claims arising from non-delivery pursuant to the following conditions:

- (i) FLN adopts the Customer/Carrier Service Agreement, as separate Agreement between Member Shipper and Member Carrier attached as Schedule A, adopted herein as the specific agent for the Member Carriers and not as a principal bound by the Customer/Carrier Service Agreement and Member Shipper appoints FLN to act as Member Shipper's agent with respect to the execution and delivery of the Customer/Carrier Service Agreement; provided, Member Shipper specifically recognizes Schedule A is being adopted herein solely for the benefit of the Member Carriers and Member Shipper; and, finally provided FLN is not bound by or obligated under the terms of Schedule A.
- (ii) Member Shipper expressly adopts the Customer/Carrier Service Agreement, attached as Schedule A, as binding between Member Shipper and the Member Carriers; and further, accepts as a further showing of being contractually sound by Schedule A as specific between an individual Member Carrier and Member Shipper by the act of a tender of a shipment by Member Shipper and the acceptance of the shipment by an individual Member Carrier.
- (iii) The purpose of this method of imposing contractual commitments is to facilitate the efficiency of the FLN and avoid a requirement of Member Shipper having to execute the Schedule A Agreement with every present and future Member Carrier.
- (iv) Both parties specifically agree that Member Shipper shall be the sole and only party with whom a Member Carrier shall have to deal on cargo claims and other obligations to be resolved pursuant to the terms of Schedule A and any such claims and obligations shall be deemed to arise solely as direct obligations between Member Carrier and Member Shipper.
- (v) FLN represents and covenants each Member Carrier has agreed to be bound by a duplicate counterpart of the Customer/Carrier Service Agreement, shown as Schedule A, as effective upon the date of each individual Carrier Member's first use by Member Shipper.
- D.---PAYMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION. FLN shall remit all payments by Member Shipper for services provided by Member Carriers to Member Shipper in the manner prescribed on the standardized Freight Payment Procedure, attached as Schedule B and adopted herein.
- E.---SPECIAL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS. FLN will assist Member Shipper in arranging and coordinating special services in addition to standard services provided by FLN, which special services will be quoted upon request.

ARTICLE II. MEMBER SHIPPER PARTICIPATION. Member Shipper shall participate in FLN as follow

A.---PRICING EXCLUSIVITY. Member Shipper represents and covenants that the sole and only use of FREEDOM 2020 $^{\circ}$  and FREEDOM 2021 $^{\circ}$  and the rates based thereon, shall be through FLN subject at

least to these conditions:

- (i) Member Shipper shall not adopt the rates and rules of FLN as those of Member Shipper for use apart from utilization of the FLN, including but not limited to, a separate utilization in conjunction with Member Carriers.
- (ii) In the event that Member Shipper utilizes any Member Carrier for FLN shipments, other than through FLN, Member Shipper agrees to pay to FLN an amount equal to the amount FLN would have retained if such shipment would have been handled in accordance with this FLN Agreement which amount will accrue inclusive of interest at a rate of 1 \_% per month until FLN learns of such use and FLN may commence an action to collect such amounts within two years of the acquisition of such knowledge or a mandatory limitation of action period, whichever occurs first.
- B.---MEMBER SHIPPER PAYMENT RESPONSIBILITY. Member Shipper represents that Member Shipper i solely and only responsible for the payment of monies due to the FLN for services rendered; and, such payments shall be made by Member Shipper pursuant to the Member Shipper payment procedure contained in Schedule I.
- C.---MEMBER SHIPPER FEES. Member Shipper shall timely pay the fees and charges shown on Schedul adopted herein, for the provision and availability of FLN.
- D.---MEMBER SHIPPER LOSS AND DAMAGE CLAIMS PROCEDURES. Member Shipper represents and covenants that Member Shipper shall process all claims, for lost and/or damaged freight, directly with Member Carriers pursuant to the terms and conditions of Member Shipper's direct contract with Member Carrier contained in Schedule A and shall not claim liability against, or assert any responsibility arising from any claim subject to that contract that extends to, FLN.
- E.---BILLING DISPUTES. The sole method of handling billing disputes shall be pursuant to these conditions:
  - (i) In the event Member Shipper contends there is an overcharge on any billing for transportation services Member Shipper will submit the contention of the overcharge solely to FLN within one hundred (100) days from the original payment of the transportation charges.
  - (ii) FLN shall not submit a claim to Member Shipper for undercharges after three hundred sixty (360) days from the date of payment.
  - (iii) Rebillings shall be made solely by FLN and Member Shipper shall not directly contact any Member Carrier without the written approval of FLN.
- F.---SHIPMENT TENDERS CLAIMS. The standard conditions for tendering shipments shall be as follows
  - (i) Member Shipper shall tender all shipments in compliance with all requirements of applicable regulations and the law.
  - (ii) In the event of fines and penalties for overweight or other unlawful shipments, FLN will coordinate and mediate resolution of such controversies but Member Shipper agrees to assume direct responsibility for resolving such a controversy with the Member Carrier and other entities involved in the controversy.
- G.---HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. Member Shipper represents and covenants that Member Shipper shall tender any and all hazardous materials to Member Carriers with notice of the hazardous material prior pickup and Member Shipper shall properly package, label, provide bill of lading and manifest designations that all such hazardous material shall be transportable in compliance with all applicable rules, regulations and laws of all jurisdictions through which the hazardous materials may move at the time the hazardous materials are tendered for shipment.

H.---SECURITY COMPLIANCES. Member Shipper represents and covenants sole responsibility for the security of all shipments prior to acceptance of a shipment by a Member Carrier and following receipt f all shipments at destination; and, Member Shipper shall comply with laws and regulations applicable to the method of shipping and the consent of any shipment of Member Shipper.

- I.---USE OF FREEDOM LOGISTICS CARRIERS. Agreements between Member Shipper and FLN Member Carriers will be exclusive; and in no event shall Member Shipper establish any other Agreements with I Member Carriers without written permission from FLN.
- J.---USAGE COMMITMENT. Member Shipper agrees to tender 80 percent of Member Shipper's motor carrier LTL usage to Member Carriers subject to these further conditions:
  - (i) If Member Shipper fails to maintain this usage level the monthly maintenance fees may be adjusted.
  - (ii) For purposes of this Agreement, a LTL shipment is any shipment that weighs between 150 and 12,000 pounds or fills less than 50% of the cubic capacity of a trailer while weighing more than 12,000 pounds.
- K.---FREIGHT PAYMENT. All freight bills must be paid through FLN and must adhere to the rules and guidelines set forth in this Agreement and as contained in Schedule B adopted herein.
- L.---COORDINATION OF STATUTES. To the extent this Agreement may differ from existing Federal and State regulations, Member Shipper specifically waives the rights and remedies contained in such statut pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 14101.
- **ARTICLE III. SUPPLEMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS.** The rates, rules, and other provisions of FLN applicable between Member Shipper and FLN may be amended only by the following procedures:
- A.---SUPPLEMENTS. Any Schedule, other than Schedule A to this Agreement may be supplemented or superseded or modified or terminated in whole or in part only by a thirty (30) day notice from FLN; wh notice shall be binding upon Member Shipper unless during that thirty day period Member Shipper noti FLN that Member Shipper elects not to be bound by the supplemental or superseding terms; and, thereafter, the supplemental or superseding terms shall only become effective by a writing executed by Member Shipper and FLN.
- B.---AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATION. Any additional supplement, amendment, modification or termination of schedule or terms of this Agreement, during the term of this Agreement depends upon I being able to effect the amendment or modification without breaching any other Agreement comprising FLN.
- C.---RATE SCHEDULES. Rates charged by Member Carriers pursuant to Schedule I, may be supplemen or superseded effective at the time of notice by FLN; provided, so long as Member Shipper's specific shipping requirements remain constant those rates can only be superseded upon thirty (30) days notic as provided in Article III, Paragraph A.
- D.---SCHEDULE A AMENDMENTS. Schedule A shall be amended only in a writing executed by Member Shipper and each Member Carrier to be used by Member Shipper.
- **ARTICLE IV. LICENSE.** FLN licenses the Software and Rate Base, FREEDOM 2020©, and FREEDOM 2021© to Member Shipper and Member Shipper accepts from FLN a nonexclusive license to use the Software and the documentation related to Software, FREEDOM 2020©, and FREEDOM 2021© only during the term of this Agreement, subject to the following terms:
- A.---EXCLUSIVE ADOPTION. Member Shipper adopts FREEDOM 2020© and FREEDOM 2021© as Member Shipper's sole and only price list and schedules of rates for all transportation services subject to and arising out of this Agreement to the exclusion of any other rate maintained or utilized by the Member Shipper in conjunction with a Member Carrier even though such rate may not be specified in the same

form or manner in FREEDOM 2020© and FREEDOM 2021©. Member Shipper accepts this license, agre to abide by all its terms, and acknowledges receipt of FREEDOM 2020© and FREEDOM 2021© as outlir in Schedule I.

- B.---LICENSE TERMINATION. ALL FREEDOM 2020© and FREEDOM 2021©material, as well as other FLI material (deemed directly related to and an integral part of the FREEDOM 2020© and FREEDOM 2021©material and this license) shall be returned immediately upon the termination of this Agreement without being copied in any manner and all such material shall remain the sole and exclusive property FLN with Member Shipper remaining solely responsible for assuring this property interest regardless of possession or transfer of possession of all or part of FREEDOM 2020© and FREEDOM 2021©, especially the rate base contained in FREEDOM 2020© and FREEDOM 2021©.
- C.---LICENSE CONFLICTS. Member Shipper shall conduct operations pursuant to this license and the ra and rules of this license within the scope of the FLN; and, if Member Shipper's utilization of transportat and the incidents of transportation conflict then Member Shipper specifically agrees the terms of this license and Agreement are paramount and accedes to enforcement of the requirements of FLN, inclusive of attorney fees and costs, with waiver of any bond or other surety otherwise incidental to any such enforcement.
- D.---COPYRIGHT. Member Shipper expressly recognizes and concedes FLN is entitled to all ownership rights in Software, FREEDOM 2020© and FREEDOM 2021© and all rights and remedies of the Lanham pertaining to copyrights.
- E.---SERVICE MARKS. Member Shipper specifically recognizes and concedes that Freedom Logistics, FL StarLite, StarRate, StarView, StarPlan, Software FREEDOM 2020© and FREEDOM 2021© are service marks owned solely by FLN and Member Shipper shall utilize those service marks solely as authorized FLN.
- F.---COPIES. FREEDOM 2020© and FREEDOM 2021© may not be copied, modified, or combined with other materials, provided, however, that Member Shipper will have no more than two machine readabl copies of the programs in existence at any one time for archival purposes; and, provided further, Mem Shipper agrees to reproduce FLN's copyright notice or other proprietary notices on all copies of the FREEDOM 2020© and FREEDOM 2021© made hereunder.
- G.---RATING SOFTWARE ROYALTY FEE. The monthly maintenance fee, as covered in Schedule I, include a rating Software royalty fee and if Member Shipper discontinues payment of the monthly maintenance fee, the rates will terminate unless Member Shipper continues to use the licensed material beyond the termination date; provided, if Member Shipper continues using the Software of FLN following termination Member Shipper shall pay the monthly maintenance fee for each month with interest accruable of  $1_{-\%}$  per month until paid as the minimum reasonable damages for Member Shipper's infringement.
- **ARTICLE V. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP.** Member Shipper and FLN shall perforn under this Agreement solely and only as independent contractors specifically with regard to the following shown by way of inclusion and not as an exclusion of other instances of independent contract or action
- A.---The provision of any services by an employee or agent of one of the parties on behalf of the other shall be deemed independent contractor services.
- B.---Member Shipper and FLN specifically agree that no act shall represent an act of implied or apparel agency (except as provided in Article I Paragraph C); that one shall bind the other only by a specific written Agreement signed by both parties; and, each shall indemnify and hold the other harmless from any act that gives rise to a claim or liability by reason of a reasonable reliance upon such act.
- ARTICLE VI. PROPRIETARY INFORMATION. FLN and Member Shipper acknowledge and agree, eac to the other, that any and all information emanating from the other's business, in any form, including a compilations or otherwise public information is "Confidential and Proprietary Information"; and, each party agrees that it will not, during the term of this Agreement or for five years after the term of this Agreement, permit the duplication, use or disclosure of any such "Confidential and Proprietary Information" to any person (other than its own employees, agents or representatives who must have s

information for the performance of its obligations hereunder), unless such duplication, use, or disclosured is specifically authorized by the other party; which duty is subject at least to the following specific term

- A.---Each party shall be responsible for any unauthorized disclosure made by any of its employees, servants, or agents and shall take reasonable precautions to prevent such disclosures.
- B.---For the purposes of this Agreement, the term Confidential and Proprietary Information is not mean to include any information which, at the time of disclosure, is publicly available information disclosed to the other party by third parties having the right to do so and who have not imposed upon the receiving party obligations of confidentiality in respect thereof; and, information which is known to the other par prior to the disclosure.
- C.—Each party agrees that if there is a breach or threatened breach of this Article VI, the other party have no adequate remedy in money or damages and shall be entitled to seek a temporary restraining order, injunction, or other equitable relief against the continuance of such breach in addition to all other emedies, and without the requirement of posting a bond or undertaking, or proving injury as a condition relief.

**ARTICLE VII. RESALE OF SERVICE.** Member Shipper shall act solely as the beneficial owner of all goods being transported by reason of Member Shipper's use of FLN and Member Shipper shall not sell, arrange or receive a commission on services arranged through FLN.

ARTICLE VIII. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY. FLN shall be liable under this Agreement as follows:

- A.---The liability of FLN under this Agreement shall be limited to actual money damages arising solely, directly and proximately from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of FLN, its agents or employed or the failure of FLN to provide the service described in this Agreement.
- B.---FLN shall not be liable for any special, consequential or exemplary damages.
- C.---FLN shall not be liable for failure to provide the service contemplated by this Agreement if such failure is due to a cause or condition beyond the control of FLN.
- D.---The maximum amount of liability of FLN to Member Shipper under this Agreement shall be the compensation received by FLN for services for the three-month period prior to the date on which the a giving rise to the liability is discovered.
- E.---The compensation of FLN shall be deemed to be the difference between the amount paid to FLN be Member Shipper and the amount paid by FLN to the Member Carriers for the transportation of Member Shipper's shipments.
- **ARTICLE IX. ASSIGNMENT.** This Agreement is not assignable without the written consent of the other party; provided, however, a party's change of name and/or merger, consolidation or sale of substantial all of a party's assets as a going business shall not constitute an assignment of this Agreement.
- **ARTICLE X. SEVERABILITY AND IMPAIRMENT.** This Agreement is severable and the unenforceabil of any portion of this Agreement shall not void or invalidate the remaining portions which shall continu full force and effect; provided however, that if this Agreement is materially impaired FLN may cancel the Agreement, without prejudice to any other right or remedy, after sixty-days notice or a date required below, whichever occurs first.
- **ARTICL XI. ADOPTION BY REFERENCE.** Both parties specifically agree this Agreement is supplemer by schedules in a written or electronic form which shall be a part of and subject to this Agreement as it was set forth on the face of this Agreement and adopts all such terms herein by reference and this Agreement shall not otherwise be amended except as follows:
- A.---The terms of the schedules adopted herein may be supplemented, terminated, superseded, or modified and new terms may be added by reference to this Agreement in the manner provided in Artic

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III; but the terms of this base Agreement (excluding the attached schedules adopted by reference) shabe deemed effective until amended by a writing bearing an effective date and executed by an authorization individual of both Member Shipper and FLN.

B.---A writing amending this base Agreement shall include a facsimile transmission signed and transmitted so long as a complete fully executed writing has been transmitted to both Member Shipper and FLN.

**ARTICLE XII. NOTICES.** All notices involving Schedules to this Agreement may be made by written c electronic communications that are confirmed as received and all notices involving this base Agreemen shall be deemed given only if made in writing and sent by Certified Mail return receipt requested or by confirmed facsimile transmission; such notice shall be deemed received at the date and time shown on return receipt or a transmission verification and all notices shall be sent to the physical and electronic addresses in the signature and authorization section of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE XIII. TERM AND TERMINATION.** Except when automatically terminated, the term of this Agreement is governed by the FLN Base Contract.

- A.---Member Shipper recognizes and concedes financial responsibility is a material condition to participation in the FLN and agrees that FLN may immediately terminate this Agreement upon delivery written notice to Member Shipper if Member Shipper fails to timely pay freight bills presented to Memb Shipper; and, further, authorizes and holds FLN harmless from liability arising from notification to Mem Carriers of any such termination.
- B.---This Agreement shall terminate automatically without notice if either party shall file a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, shall have made an assignment for the benefit of creditors, shall have been involuntarily adjudicated bankrupt by any court of competent jurisdiction, or if a receiver shall have be appointed for either party. C. Upon notice of Member Shipper's termination, Member Shipper specifical recognizes as reasonable the following termination procedures, which are obligations of Member Shipp
  - (i) All freight bills and other invoices of Member Carriers representing services of Member Carriers through the close of business on the date of termination of Member Shipper's participation as a member of FLN shall be directed to FLN for processing and payment, and FLN shall process those freight bills and other invoices for a charge of one dollar (\$1.00) per freight bill and other individual invoice for a period of ninety- (90) days following the date of termination.
  - (ii) Member Shipper shall provide funding weekly to disburse payments to Member Carriers, from the date of termination to ninety- (90) days after termination.ARTICLE XIV. WARRANTIES. FLN and Member Shipper warrant and covenant, one to the other, as follows:
- A.---GOOD STANDING. FLN and Member Shipper are duly constituted and in good standing in the jurisdiction of incorporation, domicile and all jurisdictions in which either is required to be qualified to maintain a residence or to do business.
- B.---SIGNATURE AUTHORITY. FLN and Member Shipper are authorized to enter this Agreement and to bound by all terms of this Agreement by the signature of the person signing this Agreement.
- C.---NO REPRESENTATION OR STATEMENT NOT EXPRESSLY CONTAINED IN THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BINDING UPON FLN AS A WARRANTY OR OTHERWISE; AND, SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED, WARRANTIES PROVIDED IN THIS AGREEMENT ARE IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OR MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FA PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

ARTICLE XV. CONTROLLING LAW. The applicable laws and venues to the Agreement are as follows:

A.—The parties specifically agree that this Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance verified the State of Illinois except where Federal law is applicable.

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B.---The parties mutually consent and submit to the jurisdiction and venue of the Federal and/or State courts located in Cook or DuPage Counties, Illinois and any action or suit concerning this Agreement or related matter shall only be brought by the parties in these Federal or State courts with appropriate subject matter jurisdiction therein.

C.---The parties mutually acknowledge and agree that they shall not raise in connection therewith, and hereby waive, any defenses based upon venue, inconvenience of forum, lack of jurisdiction in any action or suit brought in accordance with the foregoing.

**ARTICLE XVI. MERGER.** This Agreement represents the controlling and only understanding of the parties and supersedes, and replaces and cancels all prior oral and written understanding from before after the execution of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE XVII. INDEMNITY.** Member Shipper shall indemnify and save FLN harmless from and agair all losses, claims or damages, penalties, costs and expenses caused by fault or negligence of Member Shipper, and from any and all claims of whatever nature by whomever made against FLN arising out of FLN's action upon Member Shipper's information or instruction.

**ARTICLE XVIII. CONSULTATION.** The parties represent they are skilled and knowledgeable regardir the matters covered by this Agreement and the matters that may arise out of this Agreement and, after due opportunity to consult with an attorney or professional of choice and after taking all action deemed necessary, execute this Agreement freely, without duress and with the full intent of being bound in ever regard by the Agreement.

**ARTICLE XIX. POST AUDIT.** Tranzact Technologies will conduct a post audit of freight charges paid t carriers for shipments made up to 120-150 days prior to the effective date of this agreement. The exactime frame for including bills in the post audit depends upon the length of time needed to provide Tranzact the actual freight bills themselves as well as the pertinent rates, discounts and charges used the post audit itself. In return for conducting the post audit, Tranzact will retain 40% of all monies recovered from overcharges related to the incorrect application of rates, discounts, rules or charges including duplicate billings.

**ARTICLE XXI.** CAPTIONS. The captions contained in this Agreement are inserted only as a matter of convenience and in no way define, limit or extend the scope or intent of the Agreement or any provisic there.

**ARTICLE XXII.** MULTIPLE ORIGINALS. The parties may execute multiple conformed copies of this Agreement, inclusive of schedules and other terms adopted by reference, and each executed Agreement shall be deemed an original.

**ARTICLE XXIII. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW.** Member Shipper will not tender any shipment which work cause Member Shipper, FLN or a Member Carrier to violate any laws or regulations, State, Federal, or otherwise and will indemnify and hold harmless FLN and Member Motor Carriers from any failures of the representation.

# FREEDOM LOGITICS NETWORK CARGO CLAIMS MANAGEMENT AND OTHER DIRECT RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN MEMBER SHIPPER AND MEMBER CARRIER

This Schedule A represents an Agreement directly between Member Shipper and each Member Carrier so long as they shall remain members of the FLN under an existing and effective contract with FLN wherein they appoint FLN their special agent to bind them to this Agreement.

**ARTICLE I.** PURPOSE OF THIS AGREEMENT. There are certain transportation functions that shall armust be met by direct dealings between Member Shipper and Member Carriers without the involvemer FLN other than to establish this contractual relationship and, as pertinent herein, they include:

- A. All cargo liability arising from damage or loss to, or arising from, the cargo tendered and transported;
- B. All personal injury and property damage arising from, or occurring to, the equipment operated by Member Carriers; and,
- C. All employee and employer responsibility involved where there is direct, in person interaction between the employees of Member Shipper and the employees of Member Carriers.

ARTICLE II. PRIVITY OF CONTRACT. Although FLN possesses full and complete authority to bind Member Shipper and Member Carriers to the terms and obligations contained in this Schedule A contra Member Shipper and Member Carriers specifically intend that all terms and obligations shall be directly between them and they shall directly enforce and abide by such terms and obligations without involvin FLN including jointly and severally holding FLN harmless from any such involvement.

ARTICLE III. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP. It is specifically understood by Memb Shipper and Member Carriers that in the performance of this Agreement, Member Carriers and Membe Shipper maintain their respective employees as their exclusive employees at all times and never as the agent or employee of the other. Neither Member Carriers nor Member Shipper shall be responsible for action or omission to act of the other's employee.

**ARTICLE IV. COMMODITY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.** Member Shipper shall meet commodity spe standards in tendering certain shipments to Member Carriers as follows:

- A. Member Shipper shall clearly identify all edible materials, drugs that are ingested or injected intravenously, or materials otherwise taken internally by inserting the word "Foodstuffs" on the bill of lading and shall also provide other identifying information as to drug classification or other identifying marks as required by law.
- B. Member Shipper shall clearly identify all shipments classified by law as poisons, particularly those so classified by the United States Department of Transportation, by inserting the word "Poison" on the bill of lading.
- C. Member Shipper shall properly package and properly identify on the bill of lading any commodities classified as hazardous materials by the United States Department of Transportation.
- D. Member Shipper shall not utilize initials or acronyms in identifying the commodities described in this Article IV or other commodities that are covered by laws or regulations requiring identification due to the health, safety and welfare of the public.
- E. Member Shipper covenants to indemnify and hold Member Carrier harmless from any failure to correctly identify Commodities described in this Article IV and this covenant extends to improper loading and transportation violations arising out of the failure of the Member Shipper's covenants contained in this Article IV.

**ARTICLE V. CARRIER SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.** Member Carriers shall meet service specific standards in transporting certain shipments of Member Shipper as follows:

- A. Member Carriers represent and covenant that they and each of them can and will provide the proper equipment with properly trained personnel to receive, safely transport and deliver the goods tendered by Member Shipper.
- B. Member Carriers represent that trailers will be dropped at the facilities designated by Member Shipper for loading as requested by Member Shipper.
- C. When requested by Member Shipper, Member Carriers shall secure delivery appointments, deliver at the scheduled times and, upon request, report appointment times and delivery times within 24 hours of delivery.
- D. When requested by Member Shipper, Member Carriers will perform an expedited transportation service.
- E. Claims from Member Shipper will be handled in the following manner:
  - 1. A claim for loss, damage, injury or delay to cargo will not be voluntarily paid by Member Carrier unless filed in writing, as provided below, with Member Carrier, within 9 months of the date of delivery of shipment or within 9 months of the date Member Carrier notifies Member Shipper that the shipment is lost. A communication in writing from Member Shipper, filed with Member Carrier within 9 months and (a) containing facts sufficient to identify the shipment (or shipments) of property involved, (b) asserting liability for alleged loss, damage, injury or delay, and (c) making claim for payment of specified or determinable amount of money, will be considered as sufficient. Concealed damage will be subject to Item 300135 in the National Motor Freight Classification in effect at the time of the shipment.
  - 2. Using form described herein above, acknowledge receipt of such claim in writing to Member Shipper within 30 days after date of its receipt by Member Carrier, unless Member Carrier will have paid or declined such claim in writing within 30 days of the receipt thereof. Member Carrier will indicate in its acknowledgment to Member Shipper what, if any, additional documentary evidence or other pertinent information may be required by it to process the claim as its preliminary examination of the claim, as filed, may have revealed.
  - 3. Each claim filed against Member Carrier in the manner prescribed herein will be promptly and thoroughly investigated if investigation has not already been made prior to receipt of claim.
  - 4. Member Carrier when it has received a written claim for loss or damage, injury, or delay to property transported will pay, decline, or make a firm compromise settlement offer in writing to Member Shipper, within 60 days after the receipt of the claim by Member Carrier; provided, however, that, if the claim cannot be processed and disposed of within 120 days after the receipt thereof, Member Carrier will at that time and at the expiration of each succeeding 30-day period while the claim remains pending, advise Member Shipper in writing of the status of the claim and the reason for the delay in making final disposition thereof and will retain a copy of such advice to Member Shipper in its claim file.
  - 5. Member Carrier shall be liable for Member Shipper's "full actual loss" resulting from loss, damage, injury or delay, subject to Article V paragraph 7 and 7A hereinafter. "Full actual loss" is the invoice price of freight tendered to the Member Carrier for transportation; provided, however, that Member Carrier shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, injury or delay resulting from acts of God, public enemy, revolution, civil disorder, war, fire, flood or from failure of

equipment not resulting from negligence on its part.

- 6. Member Carrier shall be responsible for all claims or damage resulting or claimed to have resulted from act or failure to act on its part or the part of its agents and drivers or from equipment or the condition of equipment furnished hereunder. Member Carrier agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless FLN from death or injury to persons or damage to property including without limitation, contamination arising from, or as a consequence of, the services provided by Member Carrier under this Agreement, its act or failure to act, or the actions or failure of action of its agents and driver, or its negligence, willful misconduct or violation of law.
- 7. In the event of loss and/or damage to any shipment, the Carrier's liability will not exceed \$10.00 per pound, subject to a maximum liability of \$100,000 per occurrence unless the Shipper requested excess liability coverage. The liability of the Carrier for any commodity that is subject to the released value provisions of the NMFC Tariff current version at time of shipment, shall be limited to the lowest released value for the commodity therein, irrespective of the value declared or linehaul rate applied. Used or reconditioned machinery shall be released to a value not to exceed one dollar (\$1.00) per pound.
- 8. Any action at law by Carrier to recover undercharges hereunder, or by Shipper to recover overcharges hereunder, shall be commenced not more then one hundred eight (180) days from the date of the original invoice. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the expiration of such one hundred eighty (180) day period shall be a complete and absolute defense to any action, without regard to mitigating or extenuating circumstances. Any waiver of this defense must be made in writing by the party entitled to assert such defense. The provisions of this section shall survive the cancellation, termination or expiration of this agreement.
- 9. As Consignor, Shipper shall identify clearly when tendered to Carrier all edible materials, drugs that are ingested or injected intravenously, or materials otherwise taken internally (collectively referenced as "foodstuffs") by inserting the "Foodstuffs" on the bill of lading. Initials or acronyms are not acceptable. As consignor, consignee, or third party to the shipment, Shipper shall indemnify Carrier if foodstuffs are not so identified and result in improper loading violation on any shipment moving under this agreement.
- 10. As Consignor, Shipper shall identify clearly when tendered to Carrier all shipments containing materials that are classified by United States Department of Transportation regulations as poisons by inserting the "Poison" on the bill of lading, Initials or acronyms are not acceptable. As consignor, consignee, or third party to the shipment, Shipper shall Carrier if poisons are not identified and result in improper loading violation on any shipment moving under this agreement.

ARTICLE VI. FREEDOM LOGISTICS NETWORK ASSURANCE. Member Shipper and, by counterpart Agreement, Member Carriers specifically recognize the terms of this Schedule A represent a distinct Agreement establishing duties solely between the Member Shipper and Member Carriers without any duties on the part of FLN within the scope of this Schedule A and Member Shipper and Member Carrier covenant to hold FLN harmless (including specifically, but not by way of limitation, attorney fees) from any such involvement including civil and criminal actions, arbitrations, or controversies of any kind.

### Freight Payment Terms and Conditions

The service for the development and provision of the STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNTING REPORTS (SERVICE) and freight bill processing of TRANZACT TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (Tranzact) as part of the services of the FLN accruing for the benefit of Member Shipper will be provided as follows:

- 1.---Tranzact shall supply all necessary instructions to enable Member Shipper to supply the appropriation and to utilize the SERVICE and the output of the SERVICE.
- 2.---Member Shipper shall deliver or notify all Member Carriers to deliver Member Shipper's freight bill the address designated by Tranzact.
- 3.---Member Shipper authorizes Tranzact to pay regular and properly documented freight bills which h been received by Tranzact. Member Shipper shall provide Tranzact with funds, which Tranzact will depin a freight escrow account. If Member Shipper's available funds in Tranzact's escrow account are insufficient to pay Member Shipper's freight bills, Tranzact may, without any liability on its part, send serieight bills unpaid to Member Shipper.
- 4.---SERVICE shall commence on the effective date of the Agreement and continue until terminated by either Member Shipper or Freedom Logistics Service pursuant to that Agreement.
- 5.---The charges for the SERVICE are outlined in Schedule I of the Freedom Logistics Network 21st Century Shipper Global Transportation Services Agreement.
- 6.---In the event changes in SERVICE are requested, charges associated with such changes shall be negotiated at the time of request. If FLN and Member Shipper do not agree on these charges, there wi be no change in service or charges.
- 7.---At Member Shipper's expense, Member Shipper shall promptly review, to verify the accuracy of processing, all records and information Tranzact delivers from time to time to Member Shipper. Upon discovering any error in the records or information, Member Shipper shall immediately notify Tranzact such error.
- 8.---Tranzact shall process the data furnished by Member Shipper, with due care and within the time specified in the PROPOSAL, provided that the Member Shipper has furnished the data within the time limits specified by Tranzact. Tranzact shall not be responsible for errors in the data provided to Tranzact.
- 9.---Tranzact shall not be liable for Member Shipper's freight charges except for payment of freight charges as required by this Agreement. In the event of an error arising out of machine or program malfunctions or failure, or negligence of Tranzact in the performance of the SERVICE, Tranzact will consuch errors. Upon notification within the statutory period, Tranzact will file claims and pursue recovery overpayments or mispayments resulting from such error, and upon recovery, Tranzact will pay to Mem Shipper all recovered amounts plus any interest received from the carriers.
- 10.---Tranzact's liability under this Agreement shall be limited to actual money damages arising solely, directly and proximately from Tranzact, its agents or employees deliberate act or omission (such as fidelity loss or theft) or from Tranzact's performing or failing to perform the SERVICE. Tranzact shall not be liable for any special, consequential or exemplary damages. Tranzact shall not be liable for failure to provide the SERVICE if such failure is due to a cause or condition beyond Tranzact's control. The maximum amount of Tranzact's liability to Member Shipper under this Agreement shall be the compensation received by Tranzact for SERVICE for the period of three (3) months prior to the month which the act giving rise to the liability is discovered.
- 11.---Member Shipper shall indemnify and save Tranzact harmless from and against all losses, claims a damages, penalties, costs and expenses caused by fault or negligence of Member Shipper, and from an and all claims of whatever nature by whomever made against Tranzact arising out of Tranzact's action

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based or in reliance upon Member Shipper information or instructions.

- 12.---NO REPRESENTATION OR STATEMENT NOT EXPRESSLY CONTAINED IN THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BINDING UPON TRANZACT AS A WARRANTY OR OTHERWISE. WARRANTIES PROVIDED IN THIS AGREEMENT ARE IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NO LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
- 13.---All programs and services developed by Tranzact and all manuals, materials and documentation provided by Tranzact to Member Shipper in connection with or prior to this Agreement are proprietary confidential and shall remain the sole property of Tranzact. Member Shipper shall keep in confidence a shall not disclose or use for the benefit of others, any and all proprietary information provided to it by Tranzact, except as necessary in performance of SERVICE, except as specifically authorized in writing I Tranzact or as required by law. This restriction shall survive performance and/or termination of this Agreement for a period of five years. Upon termination of this Agreement, Member Shipper shall prom return Tranzact's property to Tranzact.
- 14.---Member Shipper shall maintain all source documents, data that has already been processed, and audit records. Member Shipper data used in the processing of Member Shipper information is the sole a exclusive property of the Member Shipper. Member Shipper and its auditor shall be permitted reasonal access to Member Shipper data in Tranzact's possession used in the processing of its information, subj to Tranzact's security requirements. Tranzact shall keep in confidence and shall not disclose or use for benefit of others, any and all information produced hereunder for Member Shipper or provided to Mem Shipper, except as necessary in performance of SERVICE, as specifically authorized in writing by Memt Shipper or as required by law. This restriction shall survive performance and/or termination of this Agreement for a period of five years.
- 15.---Member Shipper shall not use Tranzact's name or refer to Tranzact and Tranzact shall not use Member Shipper's name or refer to Member Shipper, directly or indirectly, in any advertisement, news release or release to any professional or trade publication without receiving the other party's specific written approval for such use and release. This paragraph shall in no way limit either party's ability to satisfy any disclosure of their relationship with each other, which is required by law or by this Agreeme
- 16.---Data submitted by Member Shipper to Tranzact for processing shall be transported at Member Shipper's expense and risk from Member Shipper's premises to Tranzact's office and return.
- 17.---In the event this Freight Payment Terms and Conditions and referenced Proposal conflicts with a other term, condition or schedule of the Agreement, that Agreement shall have control over this Freigh Payment Terms and Conditions; provided, it is the specific intention of the Member Shipper and Tranza to utilize this Freight Payments Terms and Conditions and referenced Proposal as a continuing contract commitment covering SERVICES performed for Member Shipper involving motor carriers who are not Member Carriers or who have terminated their status as Member Carriers and, in that event, this Freig Payment Terms and Conditions and referenced Proposal shall continue as a distinct Agreement survivir the termination of the Agreement until cancelled by Member Shipper or Tranzact upon 30 days notice.

#### LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOAD SERVICES, RULES AND **ACCESSORIAL CHARGES**

The accessorial charges listed below are representative (but not limited to) of the type of charges authorized and under contract with the Freedom Logistics carrier members. Actual charges will be applied to shipments as provided in the Freedom Logistics Network Motor Carriers Transportation Service Agreement between Tranzact Technologies, Inc. and each member carrier.

#### Less Than Truckload

- Rule No. 1 BILL OF LADING/CORRECTION A charge of \$20.00 per freight bill will apply whe a request is made to change a freight charge collection status of a shipment or a request is made to cancel an Order Notify Bill of Lading.
- Rule No. 2 CAPACITY LOADS MINIMUM CHARGE On LTL rated shipments, the charge shall the applicable rate at the applicable weight or applicable minimum weight, but in case less than the following application of rates:
  - A. When the lineal feet is 26 feet but less than 36 feet class 50 is applied on a 20M-rate scale.
  - B. When the lineal feet is 35 feet but less than 45 feet class 50 is applied on a 30M-rate scale.
  - C. When the lineal feet is 45 feet or over class 50 is applied on a 40Mrate scale.

Exception - Vitran Express: Capacity (Full load); \$3.61 per pup mile. \$6.74 per s of pups or van. Minimum Charge \$562.00. A pup is defined as a vehicle that is 2 lineal feet, or any shipment that is less than 28 lineal feet and weights 22,000 lbs or more. A van is any vehicle over 28 lineal feet or any shipment that is over 28 lineal feet and less than 53 lineal feet and weighs 44,000 lbs. or more.

- Rule No. 3 COLLECT ON DELIVERY (COD) SHIPMENTS The charge for collecting and remitti the amount of each COD shipment will be 3% of the COD amount, subject to a minimum of \$25.00 per shipment. A correction or cancellation of a COD shipment will be subject to a charge of \$34.00 per shipment.
- Rule No. 4 CHARGE FOR OVERLENGTH Pieces or articles exceeding 120 inches in length wil be assessed a charge of \$5.48 for each 12 inches or fraction of 12 inches over 12 inches subject to a minimum over length charge of \$10.68 per shipment.
- Rule No. 5 CUBIC CAPACITY AND DENSITY Any shipment which is greater than 350 cubic fe and has an average density of less than four pounds per cubic foot will be subject a minimum charge arrived at by multiplying the total cubic feet by 6 pounds to ge the applicable weight of the shipment for rating purposes.
- Rule No. 6 CUSTOMS OR IN BOND FREIGHT Shipments moving under a United States Customs Bond for United States Customs clearance will be assessed \$1.50 per ea 100 lbs. with a minimum charge of \$29.00 and maximum of \$138.00 per shipmer
- Rule No. 7 DELIVERY FEE TO INDIAN RESERVATIONS When a shipment is delivered within Indian Reservation, and a permit is required by a Tribal Authority, there will be a charge of \$10.00.
- Rule No. 8 DETENTION WITH POWER A consignor or a consignee will be allowed free time one (1) minute per each 100 lbs. or fraction thereof on each shipment subject to minimum of 30 minutes free time. The computation of free time shall be based or

actual weight per vehicle stop. When a vehicle is delayed beyond the free time, the charge for detention beyond allowable free time will be \$15.00 per vehicle for each 15 minutes or fraction thereof, subject to a minimum charge of \$30.00.

Exception -	- Vitran	Express:
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Actual weight per stop	Free time in minutes per stop
Less than 2,500 lbs.	30
2,500 but less than 5,000 lbs.	45
5,000 but less than 7,500 lbs.	60
7,500 but less than 10,000 lbs.	75
10,000 and over	90

When the loading or unloading is delayed beyond the free time, the charge per vehicle for each 15 minutes, or fraction thereof, beyond free time will be \$30.00.

- Rule No. 9 DETENTION WITHOUT POWER A consignor or a consignee will be allowed 24 hours free time from the time of a trailer spot and/or the notification when a trail is available for delivery. When a trailer is delayed beyond the allowable free time, the charge for detention will be \$34.00 per trailer for each 24-hour period or fraction thereof (excluding non-business days).
- Rule No. 10 FUEL SURCHARGE The Freedom Logistics fuel surcharge (FSC) is based on Monday's national average diesel price of fuel (with the exception of Dependable Highway Express where it is based on the California index) and appears as an accessorial charge on the carrier's freight bill. In the event the Monday price triggers a change in accordance with the FSC adjustment schedule, any such adjustment will take effect on Wednesday of the same week. The Freedom FSC v always be below that of the carrier's proprietary FSC applied outside of Freedom.
- Rule No. 11 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS A charge of \$5.00 per shipment will be applied to any shipment containing commodities which have UN or NA hazardous materials numbers assigned.

Exception - Vitran Express: \$7.00 per shipment

Rule No. 12 INSIDE DELIVERY - When requested by a consignor or a consignee to handle freig beyond a point immediately adjacent to a vehicle, the assessed charge will be \$4 per 100 lbs. of shipment weight with a minimum of \$33.00 and a maximum of \$400.00 per shipment.

Exception - Federal Express Freight \$40.00 Flat Charge.

Exception - Vitran Express: \$30 flat charge

- Rule No. 13 LIFTGATE SERVICE The charge for a required lift gate service will be a flat charg of \$40 per delivery required.
- Rule No. 14 MARKING AND TAGGING Where freight in transit is marked and tagged, with written authorization the charge shall be \$.85 per package, subject to a \$30.00 minimum charge.

Exceptions - Milan Express: \$1.50 per package, \$20.00 minimum charge.

- Rule No. 15 MARKING OR TAGGING FREIGHT When a consignor or a consignee requests a shipment be marked or a change be made to a tag, label or stencil on a shipment charge of \$1.50 per package or piece subject to a minimum charge of \$20.00.
- Rule No. 16 NOTIFY PRIOR TO DELIVERY \$10.00 per bill.
- Rule No. 17 PICKUP OR DELIVERY AT PRIVATE RESIDENCE Pickup or delivery at private residences, farms, ranches, churches, fairs, carnivals, trade shows, circuses and

auditoriums will be subject to \$30.00 flat charge.

Exception - Federal Express Freight \$40.00 Flat Charge.

- Rule No. 18 PICKUP OR DELIVERY SERVICE ON SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, OR HOLIDAYS Whe consignor or a consignee requests the pick up or delivery of freight on Saturdays, Sundays, or Holidays (non business days), such service will be subject to a charg of \$49.00 per person per hour or fraction thereof with a minimum charge of \$300.00 per person per day; which charges shall be in addition to all other applicable charges.
- Rule No. 19 PROTECT FROM FREEZING \$10.00 per shipment.
- Rule No. 20 REDELIVERY If one or more additional tenders (Redelivery) is required at consignee's address, the charge per redelivery shall be \$2.20 per 100 lbs. subject \$22.50 minimum and a \$268.00 maximum charge.
- Rule No. 21 RECONSIGNMENT OR DIVERSION The charge for Reconsignment or Diversion shall be \$2.20 per 100 lbs. subject to a \$22.50 minimum and a \$268.00 maximum charge.

Exceptions – Roadrunner Freight System, prior tender within original destination point is \$25.00, Change in destination point will be charged published rate. After tender name change \$35.00. Change in place of delivery within destination point \$3.80 cwt minimum \$35.00, maximum \$268.00.

Dayton Freight Lines, Central Transport Int'l – Prior tender within original destination point = \$25.00. Change in destination point = published rate. After tender name change is \$35.00. Change in place of delivery within destination poi: \$3.50 cwt minimum \$35.00, maximum \$100.00.

Rule No. 22 SORTING AND SEGREGATING OF SHIPMENTS – When a consignor or a consignee requests the sorting or segregation of a shipment by distinguishing characteristic: there will be a charge of \$1.00 per cwt, subject to minimum \$25.00 charge.

Exception – Vitran Express: When a consignor or consignee requests the sorting segregating of a shipment by distinguishing characteristics there will be a charge \$.50 per piece, or \$1.50 cwt, whichever is greater, subject to a minimum of \$50.

Rule No. 23 STORAGE – Freight held in Carrier's possession through no fault of the Member Carrier but only by reason of an act or omission of the consignor, consignee, or owner of the freight will be subject to storage charges after the first 72 hours of free time, from the time freight is at a Member Carrier terminal and a call to consignee is made, according to the follow schedule:

#### Charges:

- A) \$1.35 cwt per day (minimum of \$6.00 per day)
- B) \$17.00 Minimum Charge per shipment
- C) \$47.50 Maximum Charge (first 24 hrs after)
- D) \$47.50 Maximum Charge (second 24 hrs after)
- E) \$61.00 Maximum Charge (each 24 hrs thereafter)

Exceptions – When via, Dayton Freight Lines, Roadrunner Freight Systems and Central Transport Intl.

#### Charges:

- A) \$1.00 cwt per day (minimum of \$10.00 per day)
- B) \$33.00 Minimum Charge per shipment.

- C) \$75.00 Maximum Charge (first 24 hrs after)
- D) Charge (second 24 hrs after)

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- E) \$150.00 Maximum Charge (each 24 hrs there after)
- Rule No. 24 HEATER SERVICE (Vitran Express only): \$1.35 cwt., min. charge \$16.87 and may charge \$53.05 per shipment.
- Rule No. 25 CANADIAN (CUSTOMS) PROCESSING FEE (Vitran Express only): Shipments which originate in the United States and are destined to Canada will be assessed an administrative handling fee of \$12.50 per shipment.
- Rule No. 26 CORRECTED BILL OF LADING FEE (Vitran Express only): Correction fee of \$15.00 per request to change billing terms.

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#### SPECIALIZED/TRUCKLOAD SERVICES, RULES AND **ACCESSORIAL CHARGES**

- Rule No. 1 C.O.D. SHIPMENTS: No additional charges for transportation charges. \$200 charges for picking up check for product.
- Rule No. 2 DETENTION WITH POWER: Consignor and/or Consignee will be allowed four (4) fi hours. When the equipment is delayed beyond free time, the charges for detentic will be \$50 per hour or fraction thereof.
- Rule No. 3 DRIVER(S) LOADING/UNLOADING SERVICES: When driver(s) must assist in eithe the Loading and/or Unloading the shipment, the charge shall be \$.30 per hundred weight or \$.05 per case, whichever is greater with a minimum charge of \$100.00 per shipment.
- Rule No. 4 EQUIPMENT ORDERED NOT USED: \$1.50 per mile from last destination to designated pick up, subject to a minimum charge of \$200.
- Rule No. 5 MILEAGE BASIS: Current version of PC Miler will be used.
- Rule No. 6 MINIMUM CHARGE: Rates published as per mile basis, the minimum charge is \$500.00 unless otherwise specified.
- Rule No. 7 RECONSIGNMENT, REDELIVERY, DIVERSION; When a shipment is reconsigned, redelivered and/or diverted, an additional charge of \$150.00 will be assessed in addition to all other applicable charges.
- Rule No. 8 STOP OFFS: Stop off charges for pick ups and/or deliveries, excluding initial pick and final delivery are:
  - ---1st and 2nd stops-----\$60.00 per stop
  - ---3rd and 4th stops-----\$75.00 per stop
  - --- 5th stop and over-----\$100.00 per stop
- Rule No. 9 BILL OF LADING: For the purpose of this Contract, MEMBER CARRIER agrees to accept a Freedom Logistics Network's bill of lading (continuing the information shown below) as being the governing Straight Bill of Lading. A Freedom Logistics Network's Bill of Lading shall include:

Shipper's Name and Address;

Consignee's Name and Address;

The number of pieces on each shipment;

The description of the product(s) on each shipment;

The weight of each shipment;

The provision of Section 7 terms in the form of the Uniform Straight Bill of Lading (terms provided upon request);

A Bill of Lading date; and

A unique Bill of Lading number.

- Rule No. 10 FUEL SURCHARGE: The diesel fuel peg (referred to as the "Starting Fuel Price") for purposes of determining fuel surcharges/rebates is \$1.21 per gallon.
  - A fuel cost adjustment will be based on the comparison of the Starting Fuel

Price to the national average retail on-highway diesel fuel price as of the fir Monday of the month. The national average retail on-highway diesel fuel pr is determined by the Energy Information Administration Fuel Hot Line at 20 586-6966 or the internet at <a href="https://www.eia.doe.gov">www.eia.doe.gov</a>.

 A fuel cost adjustment will be applied according to the below chart for linehaul and other services that consume fuel whenever the national average diesel fuel price differs than the starting Fuel Price.

National Average Die <u>sel Fuel Price</u>	Fuel Surcharge <u>per mile</u>
	+ 0F
\$ .90	\$ .05
\$ .95	\$ .04
\$1.00	\$ .03
\$1.05	\$ .02
\$1.10	\$.01
\$1.15	\$.00
\$1.20	\$ .00
\$1.25	\$.01
\$1.30	\$ .02
\$1.35	\$ .03
\$1.40	\$ .04
\$1.45	\$ .05
•	\$ .06
\$1.50	\$ .07
\$1.55	\$ .07 \$ .08
\$1.60	
\$1.65	\$ .09
\$1.70	\$ .10
\$1.75	\$ .11
\$1.80	\$ .12
\$1.85	\$ .13
\$1.90	\$ .14
r higher \$1.95 or higher	\$.15

 The fuel cost adjustment, i.e. \$ .01 per mile, is to be shown as a separate charge on the invoice and is not to be included in the linehaul and/or other charges.